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Applicants:

Hay et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND
METHODS FOR SELECTING
FARMS TO GROW A CROP OF
INTEREST

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 2, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 2, 2002, please enter
the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 52-86 and amend claims 1, 18-21, and 26-33 in
the following manner:

1. (Once Amended) An apparatus for selecting farms to grow
a crop of interest comprising:
- a database;
 - a farm identifier in communication with the database to develop a set
of farms capable of growing the crop of interest, the set of farms including a

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